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Gray Hotel
Morgan Street
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

GRAY HOTEL

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Location: Morgan Street, Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

East portion built ca. 1835, west portion built 1845. According to Miss Lottie Crews, Boonville, her great-aunt Mrs. James Dow, widow of a pioneer Boonville dentist, built the house just prior to the Civil War. From the design of the woodwork in the west portion of the house, it would seem possible that Mrs. Dow could have built it during the late 1850s, but the east portion is an earlier design.

Log cabin behind Gray Hotel is said to be one of the oldest surviving houses in Boonville. It is behind a brick building dating from 1832 and may have been built by an early owner of the lot. It is more likely that it was a slave cabin. The photograph was made in 1934 and since that time the log house has fallen into a semi-ruined condition.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp, HABS historian. A master list is available in the ~~1985~~ records for MO-1800.

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